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REPORT ON THE 11TH NORTHERN LIBRARIES COLLOQUY

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Elmer E. Rasmuson Library

The Eleventh Colloquy met this past summer in Lulea, Sweden, June 9-16, 1986, under beautiful weather provided by the conference organizers. Sessions were held in meeting rooms of the Hotell Nordkalotten, a modern log facility in a rural setting on the outskirts of Lulea. Delegates were present from France, Great Britain, Denmark, the United States, Canada, Finland, Switzerland, and Sweden. Keynote speaker, Lars Tynell, National Librarian, Royal Library, Stockholm, began the Conference with an overview the development of Swedish libraries.

Colloquy sessions were organized around the subject themes: man in an arctic environment, literature of arctic minorities, history of arctic regions, and research in a cold climate. The number of presentations per session varied. Proceedings of the Colloquy were published prior to the meeting and available when the meetings began. This was of considerable assistance to those persons desiring to follow presentations in English, the language of the conference. A few presentations were made which were not received in time to appear in the published proceedings.

The formal portion of the Colloquy closed with the business meeting, chaired by Nita Cook, of the Boreal Institute. At the business meeting it was agreed that a formal statement of what the Northern Libraries Colloquy is and its purpose would be of assistance to organizers of future conferences. A committee was appointed to prepare a statement for consideration at the next Colloquy.

As usual, the Colloquy was an opportunity to see old friends and meet new ones. Receptions, dinners and tours were provided so that conferees could partake of the culture, scenery, and history of far northern Sweden. Delegates were treated to a bus tour of Lulea, a visit to Gammelstad and its medieval church, and an evening a boat trip through the archipelago of Lulea together with a dinner of reindeer. On Thursday a bus trip to Storfösen, the largest unregulated rapids of northern Europe was much enjoyed by participants. Some delegates included a post conference tour to Kiruna and a wild river canoe trip in their travels.

Terje Hoiseth, Ann-Christin Haupt, Roger Lindmark, Jimmy Gardelmalm, and Roger Kvist of the organizing committee are to be congratulated for a fine conference. Staffs of the Lulea University library, COLDTECH Lulea University, Lulea Public Library, as well as Lena Karbin of CENTEK CONGRESS and sponsoring agencies, all deserve thanks for an interesting and educational week. Conferees all benefited from their generosity and warm hospitality.

Proceedings of the eleventh Northern Libraries Colloquy, Lulea, Sweden, June 9-12, 1986. Centek, S-951 87, Lulea, Sweden. ISBN 91-86998-13-7. Cost: undetermined. (May also be available from: Terje Hoiseth, Director, Lulea University, Library, S-951 87, Lulea, Sweden.)

Michael P. Robinson became Executive Director of the Arctic Institute of North America (AINA) on July 1, 1986, replacing Peter Schledermann. He is a 1978 graduate of the University of British Columbia law school and holds a diploma in prehistoric archaeology from Oxford University (1974) and a BA in anthropology from UBC (1973). His work experience includes researching and writing socio-economic terms and conditions for the Alaska Highway Gas Pipeline with the

Northern Pipeline Agency in Calgary, and undertaking socio-economic research on a wide variety of topics as a special advisor in the environmental and social affairs corporate office of Petro-Canada. Most recently he was manager of community programs and northern affairs with the Polar Gas Project, coordinating community development and involvement programs in the Mackenzie Valley and Northern Alberta.

Ross Goodwin writes that ASTIS has now completed the ESRF/ASTIS project, which enhanced the database in some of the priority subjects of the Environmental Studies Revolving Funds.

New ESRF/ASTIS bibliographies available from ASTIS, the Arctic Institute of North America, University of Calgary, 2500 University Drive N.W., Calgary, Alberta T2N 1N4.

No. 3. ICEBERGS: A BIBLIOGRAPHY RELEVANT TO EASTERN CANADIAN WATERS. \$55.00. This 277 page bibliography contains 1135 citations, with abstracts and location codes.

No. 4. THE TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT OF NORTHERN CANADIANS: AN ANNOTATED BIBLIOGRAPHY. Available for sale in late November. \$25.00. It will contain approximately 200 pages and 850 citations.

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THE BIBLIOGRAPHY ON COLD REGIONS SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY is now available online on COLD through SDC starting with Volume 1, 1951. It had previously started with 1968 so this increases the total number of citations by another 26,000. The file now contains over 100,000 items plus the items of the ANTARCTIC BIBLIOGRAPHY. Anyone who has questions about access or content should contact Nancy Liston, USACRREL, 72 Lyme Road, Hanover, New Hampshire 03755-1290 or Geza Thuronyi at the Library of Congress.

Volume 39 of the BIBLIOGRAPHY ON COLD REGIONS SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY is now available from the National Technical Information Service, 5285 Port Royal Rd. Springfield, Virginia 22161. It can be purchased in paper or microfiche format.

Lists of the periodicals received in the CRREL library have been distributed to many northern libraries. Anyone who wants a copy should contact Nancy Liston at CRREL.

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Earlier this year the Scott Polar Research Institute purchased the diaries, correspondence and log books of Lieutenant Henry Robertson (Birdie) Bowers of Captain Scott's ill-fated expedition to the South Pole in 1910-1912. These papers, alongside those of Wilson and Oates already acquired by the Institute, have brought together for the first time the surviving accounts of this epic journey. (The originals of Captain Scott's diaries are in the British Museum). The "Bowers Papers" were purchased from a private owner for £75,000. Half this sum was raised from national funds administered by the Victoria and Albert Museum, with additional help from other institutions. £20,000 was raised by the Scott Polar Research Institute in a major fund-raising campaign lasting just over one year.

Another fund-raising campaign is underway to purchase the papers and journals of Charles Seymour Wright, the surveyor and glaciologist on Scott's last expedition. Donations should be addressed to: The Director, Scott Polar Research Institute, Lensfield Road, Cambridge, England CB2 1ER.

SPRILIB, the new bibliographic database of the Scott Polar Research Institute in Cambridge, is now fully operational at the local level. On-line access is available to registered users in Cambridge and a monthly SDI service is offered to subscribing, individual researchers based anywhere in the U.K. or overseas. Over 10,000 records (mostly published since 1984) are now included and new publications are being added at a rate of around 5,000 per year. SPRILIB is updated monthly. The bibliography, RECENT POLAR AND GLACIOLOGICAL LITERATURE is now produced automatically from the database, as is the new, monthly World Data Centre 'C' current awareness bulletin, GLACIOLOGICAL CITATIONS. Transfer of the old card catalogue into SPRILIB is in progress. Further services are planned, including international on-line access and downloading of data records to the databases of other libraries (this latter option could possibly be available as an exchange arrangement or for purchase). Any librarians wishing further details of these proposed services should write to the SPRI Librarian, Ms. Valerie Galpin, at Scott Polar Research Institute, Lensfield Road, Cambridge, England, CB2 1ER.

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The Leffingwell Collection of Arctic books has been received by the Alaska Historical Library through the cooperation of the Harrison Memorial Library in Carmel, California. Born in 1875, Ernest de Koven Leffingwell, a noted Arctic/Alaska explorer, lived his later years in Carmel where he died in 1971. From 1907-1914, Leffingwell almost single-handedly mapped Alaska's Arctic coast and also identified the Sadlerochit Formation, the main reservoir of the Prudhoe Bay oil field. The Leffingwell campsite on Flaxman Island was added to the National Register of Historic Sites in 1971. The collection of nearly 60 volumes includes Leffingwell's report for the U.S. Geological Survey titled, THE CANNING RIVER REGION, NORTH ALASKA, and writings of explorer associates E. Mikkelsen and V. Stefansson. He collected the works of earlier Arctic explorers including John Ross and George Back; also accounts of the searches for the John Franklin expedition.

A transfer agreement has been formalized designating the Alaska Historical Library as the repository for the Wickersham State Historic Site Collection. The Alaska Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation manages the House of Wickersham in Juneau, which was purchased by the state along with manuscripts, photographs, artifacts and some publications. James Wickersham, a pioneer Alaska judge and territorial delegate to Congress, was a major influence in shaping Alaska's development. Availability of his personal papers provides a significant source of historical information.

The Alaska Historical Library completed a second microfiche project of twelve Alaska photograph collections. Among the collections were seventeen albums from the Wickersham State Historic Site Collection, fifteen albums in the U.S. Alaska Road Commission, nearly 1,000 photographs of the Matanuska Colony in the Mary Nan Gamble Collection, a selection of photographs from the M. Z. Vinokoureff Collection of Russian Orthodox churches, clergy, Alaska views; also photographs taken by Winter and Pond (Juneau) and Lomen Brothers (Nome). The photograph collection microfiche will be placed in Alaska state document depository libraries and loan copies are available.

New manuscript guides prepared by the Alaska Historical Library are available in limited quantity. They are available to Colloquy libraries on request.

INVENTORY OF THE MARY NAN GAMBLE PAPERS, 1935-1945 (Manuscript 90) AND PHOTOGRAPHS (PCA 270) concerning her work on the Matanuska Valley Colonization Project for the Federal Emergency Relief Administration.

KEPNER/CRANE PAPERS, 1897-1929 CONCERNING CIRCLE CITY - NOME AREA.
A microfiche copy of the collection is also available.

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Planning for 1988 Colloquy Underway

Northern Libraries Colloquy 12 is the name of a conference on DIALMAIL where you will eventually be able to receive notices regarding the 12th Colloquy. The Colloquy will be held in Boulder, Colorado, June 5-9, 1988, immediately preceding the Special Libraries Association Annual Conference in Denver. Chairpersons are Ann Brennan, WDC-A Glaciology and Martha Andrews, INSTAAR.

Communication through DIALMAIL may avoid some of the mailing business involved in putting on a meeting. Instructions on how to get on DIALMAIL and use a conference, etc. were mailed to all Dialog subscribers with the November 1985 CHRONOLOG.

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The Center of Arctic Studies, Paris in cooperation with the Finnish Committee of the European Foundation for Culture and several other organizations, sponsored the Second International Arctic Film Festival at Rovaniemi, Finland in September 1986. Forty-one films competed in the official selection and seventeen films were presented in an off-festival program. An international jury under the honorary chairmanship of Lord Edward Shackleton, awarded prizes in nine categories.

1. Grand prix of the festival (Nordenskjold Prize)
INUGHUIT, THE PEOPLE AT THE NAVEI OF THE EARTH. Staffen and Ylva Julen, producers (Sweden)
2. Fiction films (Jack London Prize)
THE FLIGHT OF THE EAGLE. Jan Troell (Sweden)
3. Documentaries on traditional and contemporary life (Jules Verne Prize)
SUMMER OF THE LOUCHEUX. Graydon McGrea (Canada)
4. Documentaries on earth and life sciences and technology (Alfred Wegener Prize)
KINGDOM OF THE ICE BEAR. Hugh Miles and Mike Salisbury (Great Britain)
5. Archives Prize
THE ROADS AROUND ROVANIEMI. Brita Wrede (Finland)
6. Films made by or in close cooperation with Inuit, Indians and Sames (Thule Prize)
THE MOUNTAIN THAT WAS CURSED WITH RUSTY STONES. Paul-Anders Simma (Sweden)
7. Sports and expeditions films (Fridtjof Nansen Prize)
NORTHERN GAMES. (Canada)
8. Industrial films (Admiral Makarov Prize)
IMPRESSIONS. Pertti Hohtokari and Gerd Voss (Finland)
9. Special Television Prize
MAGIC IN THE SKY. de Peter Raymont (Canada)
10. Special Mention of the Jury
THE OWL WHO MARRIED A GOOSE. de Caroline Leaf (Canada)

For information on past and future film festivals, contact Sylvie Devers, Centre d'Etudes Arctiques, 19 Rue Amelie 75007 Paris, France.

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The Alaska and Polar Department, Elmer E. Rasmuson Library, University of Alaska, Fairbanks, AK 99775-1005, has been busy on a variety of publications and projects. Contact the specified individuals for information.

The 1986 BIBLIOGRAPHY OF ALASKANA is available online on Gnosis. Nationally and internationally it is available through Tymnet and AlaskaNet. A microfiche product will be available in the future. For information, contact Marnie Cornwall, Gnosis Indexing Coordinator.

Will Schneider has received a grant to prepare a catalogue listing Alaska related oral history records in libraries, museums, historical societies and other agencies. Send information on general description of collections, use and copy policy, contact person/address/phone to Gretchen L. Luke.

Rasmuson Library staff also had various articles published:

McCarthy, Paul H. "Archives Under Library Administration: Points of Convergence and Conflict" in ARCHIVES AND LIBRARY ADMINISTRATION: DIVERGENT TRADITIONS AND COMMON CONCERNS, Haworth Press, 1986.

Lincoln, Tamara. "Ethno-linguistic Misrepresentations of the Alaskan Native Languages as mirrored in the Library of Congress System of Cataloging and Classification" in CATALOGING AND CLASSIFICATION QUARTERLY, Summer 1986.

Lincoln, Tamara and C. E. West. "The Research Value of Siberian Content Monographs in Polar Collections of the University of Alaska-Fairbanks" in COLLECTION MANAGEMENT, 8:2, Winter 1986.

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Bonnie Saligo, Libraries and Archives Branch, Government of Yukon, Whitehorse, writes that staff was busy September 26-28 with the annual Library Workshop held in Whitehorse. The theme this year was "Promoting Your Library." Pat Cavill, Director of the Marigold Regional Library (located in southern Alberta), was guest speaker for the workshop, providing the collected group of librarians and library board members with a lot of valuable information about library promotion and public relations. Staff provided talks on a wide range of subjects including weeding library collections, fund-raising and library board responsibilities.



The Yukon Archives have acquired some interesting items over the summer. Though these materials are not available through inter-library loan, photocopies of material can be obtained.

A file maintained by National Revenue of Canada, Customs and Excise on the White Pass and Yukon Route. 1940-1953. (Accession no. 86/56)

Further Anglican Church Collection (Diocese of Yukon) records consisting of various papers and over 700 photographs. 1896-1970's. (Acc. no. 86/61)

Eight cassette recordings produced by Heritage Branch (Government of Yukon) as a part of the Fort Selkirk Oral History Project. Includes interviews with Harry Baum, Charlie Johnson, Edward Simon and Tommy McGinty. (Acc. No. 86/67)

Typescript paper written by William Bridges and entitled, "A Yukon Spring." The life and death of the YUKON MORNING JOURNAL. 1986. (Acc. no. 86/73)

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A descriptive brochure of the Hochelaga Research Institute, 1200 Atwater Ave., Montreal H3Z 1X4 is now available. Additional information on the Institute and its founder, Alan Cooke, was featured in Peter C. Newan's article, "One Man's Northern Obsession" in MACLEAN'S, v. 99 no. 41, Oct. 13, 1986.

The Institute plans to publish a journal of commentary and opinion in 1987 to be titled, ARCANA POLI.

Alan Cooke has edited an autobiography of the Alaskan Indian lawyer, Fred Paul, with support of the Alaska Historical Commission. The book will be published by Howe Brothers, Salt Lake City, Utah, under the title, THEN FIGHT FOR IT.

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In February 1986 the National Science Foundation gave the Arctic Environmental Information and Data Center (AEIDC), University of Alaska-Fairbanks, located at 707 A Street, Anchorage, AK 99501, a grant to develop a plan for a national (U.S.) arctic information network. The network plan is to be included in the update of the Arctic Research Plan to be submitted to the Congress in June 1987. The network's goal is to make it possible for a user (researcher, developer or decision maker) anywhere in the U.S. to easily ascertain if information on a particular aspect of the arctic exists and where to obtain it.

Barbara Sokolov and Rita Dursi are working on the design of the U.S. arctic information network based on linking existing elements, strengthening them where necessary, and providing new elements for any gaps. Six sources of information resources are being studied along with methods of access and control: (1) experts/individuals; (2) digital data bases, (3) proprietary data and information; (4) gray literature; (5) bibliographic data bases; and (6) libraries. A description of methods for each type of information source has been prepared. In regard to libraries, the Arctic and Polar Regions

Conspectus in use in Alaska will be used to evaluate the Goldthwait Polar Library at the Institute of Polar Studies at Ohio State University and other major arctic collections. This method requires that the collection be organized by Library of Congress classification and not be incorporated within a larger collection.

When the project is completed, the Arctic Conspectus should include the major arctic collections throughout the United States and should provide a picture of the strengths of U.S. arctic information resources. It is hoped that the method can be expanded to UDC-organized libraries and the conspectus can become international in scope. While this project is for the design of a national network, the need for an expansion to an international network is obvious. Comments, insights and suggestions as to any potential problems for international access are requested.

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The collection of the Departmental Library at Indian and Northern Affairs Canada is catalogued on UTLAS. A bibliographic network has been operating to encourage departmental resource centres to integrate their collections with the Departmental Library. The collections of the resource centres of the Northern Regulatory Review, Northern Social Research, Northern Infrastructures, Northern Territorial Relations, Northern Public Review, Northern Statistics, and resource development impacts have been incorporated into the Library, adding to the strengths of the main collection.

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In 1981, Dartmouth College Library received a Title-IIC grant from the U.S. Department of Education to strengthen its polar resources. The grant enabled the Stefansson Collection to be completely recatalogued, necessary preservation work done, manuscript collections processed, and all records entered into the RLIN database. Included were some 2,500 volumes relating to the history of polar exploration as well as 525 linear feet of manuscripts in some 200 individual collections. Guides have been prepared in typescript for all of the manuscript collections and one has been published: THE PAPERS OF VILHJALMUR STEFANSSON IN THE DARTMOUTH COLLEGE LIBRARY (1982). This 124 page guide is available at a cost of \$5.00. Guides to other collections are available for the cost of copying.

Among recent acquisitions are the holograph journal and letter-book, 1881-1882, of George W. Melville, while serving as an engineer on the JEANETTE relief expedition; the holograph diaries of David Brainard, 1884, and George W. Rice, 1881-1883, while on the ill-fated Lady Franklin Bay Expedition; and some 600 photographs taken by Robert Peary while in the Arctic.

Inquiries regarding the collection and its holdings are welcomed. Contact Philip Cronenwett, Curator of Manuscripts, Dartmouth College Library, Hanover, New Hampshire 03755.

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New Publications

Naske, Claus-M. PAVING ALASKA'S TRAILS: THE WORK OF THE ALASKA ROAD COMMISSION (University Press of America, 4720 Boston Way, Laham, Maryland 20706). 339 p., ill., maps. A softbound edition is \$34.75; hardbound \$46.75 with a 22% discount to institutions.

Phillips, Joanna D., comp. INTO THE 80'S WITH ALASKAN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENTS BIBLIOGRAPHY (Elmer E. Rasmuson Library Occasional Paper 11) \$12.50. Available from Rasmuson Library, Documents Section, Fairbanks, AK 99775-1007. This indexed bibliography containing approximately 1,790 citations is comprehensive listing of Alaskan EIS's published from 1975-1984.

ALASKA ORAL HISTORY INDEX. The 1986 edition of 36 microfiche includes among a thousand additions since 1984 including the "Alaska Native Review" tapes of the Berger Commission hearings on the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, a series on transportation and interviews with personnel of the Alaska Steamship Co. \$14.00/set. Send order to Oral History, Rasmuson Library, University of Alaska, Fairbanks, AK 99775-1005.

REGIONAL SUBSISTENCE BIBLIOGRAPHY. Vol. 5: Western and Southwest Alaska, no. 1. The bibliography indexed by author and keyword, contains over 600 citations pertaining to historical and contemporary subsistence activities and Native culture in the Aleutian, Bristol Bay and Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta regions of Alaska. It is available free on request from the Alaska Division of Subsistence at P.O. Box 3-2000, Juneau, Alaska 99802.

THE LIFE I'VE BEEN LIVING

Author: Moses Cruikshank

Collaborator: William Schneider

Publisher: University of Alaska Press

Publication date: 1986

Contents: Fifteen chapters, maps, illustrations,
references, footnotes

Retail price: \$14.95 soft cover (ISBN 0-912006-23-4)

The Life I've Been Living is the biography of Moses Cruikshank, an Athabaskan elder and skilled storyteller from Interior Alaska. In his stories, Moses blends description, opinion, advice, and humor to teach the lessons he has learned from living out in the country.

Born about 1906 on the Black River northeast of Fort Yukon, Moses recalls his earliest memories of Grandpa Henry who told him about traditional Athabaskan ways, of the Hudson's Bay Company traders, and of the Gold Rush stampedeers. Raised in the Episcopal missions, Moses mushed dogs with the ministers on their winter circuit of the villages, worked on construction of the Alaska Railroad, and helped to build many of the mission buildings. This book is about those experiences as well as his adventures prospecting for gold and hunting and trapping for a living.

The first part of the book is Moses' stories; the second part is a discussion of the historical significance of the stories, and the methods used to record and reproduce the oral record in written form. Students of Oral History will find this discussion of particular interest.

Moses' stories were recorded, edited, and arranged by William Schneider, Curator of Oral History at the Alaska and Polar Regions Department, Elmer Rasmuson Library, University of Alaska, Fairbanks.

The Life I've Been Living is in the publication process and is expected to be available in early November 1986. For more information or to order please write to: University of Alaska Press, Signers' Hall, University of Alaska, Fairbanks, Alaska 99775-1580.

The Alaska Anthropological Association is publishing a new monograph series, AURORA. Payment should be made to the Association and orders sent to Edwin S. Hall, Editor, AURORA Series, 291 Main Street, Brockport, New York 14420.

AURORA No. 1. WHEN OUR BAD SEASON COMES: A CULTURAL ACCOUNT OF SUBSISTENCE HARVESTING AND HARVEST DISRUPTION ON THE YUKON DELTA by Ann Fienup-Riordan. 377 pages, 41 photographs, 43 figures. Price: \$21.00 (U.S.) plus \$1.50 postage and handling.

AURORA No. 2. LAKE MINCHUMINA PREHISTORY: AN ARCHEOLOGICAL ANALYSIS by Charles E. Holmes. 176 pages, 88 ill. Price: \$15.00 (U.S.) plus \$1.50 postage and handling.

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Gordon Hills, 6515-15th Ave. N.E., Seattle, Washington 98115 is working on a book on LIBRARIES AND NATIVE NORTH AMERICAN COMMUNITIES, A CROSS-CULTURAL APPROACH. It will cover oral and written traditions, advanced library education for natives and others in cross-cultural service, the ideal Native library, serving an urban community where there is a significant Native population and other topics, with an emphasis on the north. While Mr. Hills will draw largely on his own experiences, he would like comments on these subjects, documentation or referrals to sources and source people. He will pay for postage and photocopies.

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The Hudson's Bay Company Archives, Provincial Archives of Manitoba, has established an inter-library loan program of the Company's microfilmed records. Approximately 1,900 reels of 35mm microfilm are now available. Microfilmed records include the journals and correspondence of over 200 trading posts for the period 1703-1904; the pre-1870 records of the Governors of Rupert's Land; numerous journals of travel and exploration, 1703-1904; Minute Books and Correspondence of the London Headquarters, 1671-1904; and lists of officers, servants and contracts, 1774-1904. Requests for reels can be made using any recognized inter-library loan request form or through the Envoy Messaging System, Code: HBCA.PAM.

A finding aid for the inter-library loan program, produced on two reels of microfilm, has been deposited in a number of Canadian libraries. The microfilm is available for purchase (\$20 Can.). Further information is available from Inter-Library Loans, Hudson's Bay Company Archives, Provincial Archives of Manitoba, 200 Vaughan Street, Winnipeg, Manitoba, R3C 1T5, Telephone: (204) 945-4949.

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Conferences

The Association of Canadian Universities for Northern Studies (ACUNS), #1915-130 Albert, Ottawa, Canada K1P 5G4, is in the process of publishing three proceedings. These (with approximate date of publication) are:

Nelson, J. G. and R. Needham (eds.). ARCTIC HERITAGE. University of Waterloo Press/ACUNS (October 1986).

Adams, W. P. (ed.) EDUCATION, RESEARCH AND INFORMATION SYSTEMS AND THE NORTH. ACUNS (December 1986). This will include proceedings of the Northern and Offshore Information Resources Seminar at Yellowknife.

Adams, W. P. and D. Parker (eds.). SUBARCTIC UNIVERSITIES OF CANADA/UNIVERSITÉS SUBARCTIQUES DU CANADA. ACUNS (January 1987).

ACUNS is organizing a National Student Conference on Northern Studies in Ottawa, 18-19 November this year. At these meetings, more than 120 Northern Studies students from 30 Canadian universities will present papers on a full spectrum of polar topics. The proceedings will be published.

The fifth seminar on Northern and Offshore Information Resources will be held November 19 at the Terrace Inn in Edmonton. The seminar is jointly sponsored by AINA, the Centre for Frontier Engineering Research and the Boreal Institute for Northern Studies. The seminar is being held in conjunction with the Boreal Institute's twenty-fifth anniversary conference, "Knowing the North."

The sixth NOIR seminar has been tentatively scheduled for April 30, 1987 at Ryerson Polytechnic Institute in Toronto, in conjunction with the annual meeting of the Association of Canadian Universities for Northern Studies.

ARCTIC OFFSHORE TECHNOLOGY (3d conference) WORKSHOP PROCEEDINGS, 1986. \$30 (Can.); \$25 (U.S.). Make payment to AOTC, Attention J. Carrie, Information Workshop Coordinator, Suite 101, 3009-23rd Ave. S.W., Calgary, Alberta T3E 0J3.

Fifth Inuit Studies Conference, November 6-9, 1986, Centre for Northern Studies and Research, McGill University (550 Sherbrooke St. West, Suite 460, West Wing, Montreal, Quebec H3A 1B9). The conference theme is "Facing the Future - what can we learn from the Inuit?" There will be special sessions on the Inuit Circumpolar Conference; museum management in the Arctic; restitution of material culture; Inuit literature; Inuit health practices.

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The Institute of Marine Science Library is in the process of being merged with the Biomedical Library at the University of Alaska-Fairbanks campus. This was mandated by Chancellor O'Roark in May 1986 during the first round of budget cuts. It is hoped that the majority of the work will be completed in November. The Library is closed to the general public and inter-library loan requests should be sent to the Biomedical Library.